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Letter dated 12 June 1996 from the Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour, in my capacity as Chairman of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States for the current month, to transmit to you a photocopy of the document containing the resolution on the international presence in Haiti adopted at the seventh plenary session of the twenty-sixth regular session of the Organization of American States (OAS), held in Panama City from 3 to 6 June 1996.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 37 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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Ambassador
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ANNEX

Resolution of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States

INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE IN HAITI

(Resolution adopted at the seventh plenary session, held on June 6, 1996)

The General Assembly,

Recalling that, in the exercise of the powers conferred on it by General Assembly resolution AG/RES.1080 (XXI-O/91), the Permanent Council convened an ad hoc Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs on September 30, 1991, the very day on which the coup d'etat had taken place in Haiti, to assess the seriousness of the events that had occurred and had caused the sudden and violent interruption of the democratic process in that country;

Bearing in mind resolutions MRE/RES.1/91, MRE/RES.2/91, MRE/RES.3/92 Corr.1, MRE/RES.4/92, MRE/RES.5/93 Corr.1, MRE/RES.6/94, and MRE/RES.7/95, adopted by the ministers of foreign affairs of the member States with respect to the restoration of democracy in Haiti; resolutions CP/RES.567 (870/91), CP/RES.575 (885/92), CP/RES.594 (923/92), CP/RES.610 (968/93), CP/RES.630 (987/94), and CP/RES.633 (995/94), as well as declarations CP/DEC.2 (896/92), CP/DEC.8 (927/93), CP/DEC.9 (931/93), CP/DEC.10 (934/94), CP/DEC.14 (960/93), CP/DEC.15 (967/93), CP/DEC.18 (986/94), and CP/DEC.21 (1006/94), adopted by the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States;

Taking note of the resolutions adopted by the United Nations, in particular Security Council resolutions 841 (1993), 861 (1993), 862 (1993), 867 (1993), 873 (1993), 875 (1993), 905 (1994), 917 (1994), 933 (1994), 940 (1994), 944 (1994), 948 (1994), 964 (1994), 975 (1995), 1007 (1995), and 1048 (1996) and General Assembly resolutions 46/7 (1991), 46/138 (1991), 47/20 A (1992), 47/20 B (1993), 48/27 A (1993), 48/27 B (1994), 49/27 (1994), and 49/201 (1994), concerning the crisis in Haiti;

Reaffirming that one of the essential purposes of the Organization of American States is to promote and consolidate representative democracy, with due respect for the principle of non-intervention;

Considering:

That the international community, particularly through the Organization of American States and the United Nations, responded to the appeal of the Haitian Government by taking the necessary steps to reinstate the constitutional government of the people of Haiti, in accordance with their sovereign will, as expressed overwhelmingly in the December 16, 1990, elections; and

That the rule of law was restored in that country with the return to constitutional order on October 15, 1994, the reinstatement of the officials legitimately elected by the Haitian people in December 1990, and the successful holding of free and democratic local, parliamentary, and presidential elections in 1995, leading to a peaceful and democratic transfer of power;

Taking into account that the efforts of President René Préval and the Government and people of Haiti to consolidate democracy and ensure strict observance of human rights and the socio-economic development of Haiti should be firmly supported by the international community and, in particular, by the member States of the Organization of American States; and

Observing that the Government of Haiti, with the support of the Organization of American States and the United Nations, has launched programmes aimed at consolidating democratic institutions in Haiti;

Resolves:

1. To express its deepest satisfaction at the consolidation of the rule of law in Haiti, thanks to the establishment of a stable government that respects democratic principles.

2. To congratulate the people and Government of Haiti on their efforts to bring about national reconciliation and embark on a process of strict observance of human rights.

3. To reaffirm the member States' staunch resolve to continue their active cooperation in strengthening the rule of law and the democratic system in Haiti, promoting sustained economic development and strict observance of human rights in that country.

4. To recommend that the OAS/United Nations International Civilian Mission continue its activities in Haiti.

5. To congratulate the heads of State and Government of the OAS member and permanent observer States, the ad hoc Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs on Haiti, the secretaries general of the OAS and the United Nations, their special envoys, the OAS/United Nations International Civilian Mission, the countries comprising the Group of Friends of the United Nations Secretary-General, the Caribbean Community, and various prominent members of the international community for their political and material contributions to the restoration of security, stability, peace, and the rule of law in Haiti.

6. To encourage the international community to sustain, during this period of transition, the same level of commitment it demonstrated during the years of crisis, and to recommend that, at the request of the Haitian Government, the community maintain a strong presence in Haiti and extend, also at the Government's request, its full support for strengthening the National Police Force and consolidating the stable and democratic environment necessary for economic growth and development.

7. To support the initiatives of the member States and permanent observers at the Organization of American States to strengthen their partnership with the Government and people of Haiti within the framework of efforts to advance sustainable development.

8. To urge international financial institutions to enhance their support to Haiti so that its Government may meet the many pressing socio-economic needs of the population that could threaten the stability of the rule of law and the policy of national reconciliation launched with the return to constitutional order.

9. To request that the OAS Secretary General present a quarterly written report on the execution of this resolution to the Permanent Council and transmit it also to the United Nations Secretary-General, the international financial institutions, and the Governments of the member and permanent observer States.